135 W. 41st St.,
May 13, 1887.

My Dear May,

I am better to-day than I was yesterday, but still unable to perform the task of making an abstract of my review. To confess the truth, after all the work I have put into that review, and since its honorable and successful presentation before the Soc. of Antiq., I am almost in the mood of saying "I don't care if the Herald has declined to print it." If we can get it in pamphlet shape in the course of the summer, will ~~it~~ not that be better? 250

copies (perhaps even less will do), will not cost a great deal, and I am content to wait.

The Gazettes came safely. Rice's remarks are very good. Howland sends me a cutting from the Telegram, from which I see that Thayer got himself interviewed by that paper after the reading was over. His ribaldry is characteristic, and calls for no reply. Howland tells me his reputation in Worcester is not to be envied.

Your letter of acceptance was admirable, just what the circumstances required, and as courteous as it was plain-spoken. I fully believe what you say as to the action of the Soc. of Antiq. There was no evil motive on their part, only a lack of information and of reflection. They seem to me to have made honorable atonement for their mistake.

I will insert James N. Buffum's name ~~[illegible]~~ in my list of the Abolitionists whom Mayes libelled. I am sorry to learn that he is failing rapidly — perhaps too rapidly for a hope that he will ever see my review.

Once more thanking you for all your kindness in this matter, I am, as ever,

Yours,

Oliver Johnson.

We had a very enjoyable call from Mrs. May this morning.

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Dear Howland
I think you will
like to see this. Please
return it to me.